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SUBJECT: SPANISH CRITICISM OF US BASES

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1. EMBOFFS MADE SEPARATE ORAL PROTESTS ON DE PINIES' REMARKS TO MFA DIRECTORS GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (PERINAT) ON DEC 6 AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ON DEC 7 (BENITO).

2. PERINAT ALREADY AWARE FROM MFA REPORTS OF DE PINIES' COMMENTS ON PANAMA AND GIBRALTAR AND WAS EXPECTING US REACTION. HE WAS UNAWARE OF COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR SUBMARINE POLLUTION AND ASKED FOR A COPY OF NEWS CLIPPING TO INVESTIGATE.

3. PERINAT SAID DE PINIES IS A DIPLOMAT OF "GREAT PRESTIGE," BUT THIS INCIDENT ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HIS TENDENCY TO BE TOO OUTSPOKEN. HE ADDED THAT SUCH OUTSPOKENESS CAN BE VALUABLE ASSET IN FORUM LIKE UN, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN DEFINITE DRAWBACK FOR DE PINIES WHEN HE WAS AMBASSADOR IN UK. HE CONTINUED THAT, WHILE REMARKS DO NOT CORRECTLY
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REFLECT OFFICIAL SPANISH ATTITUDE, THEY ARE

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SYMPTOMATIC OF STRONG NEUTRALIST SENTIMENT IN SPANISH
OFFICIAL CIRCLES THAT HAS BEEN STIMULATED BY POLICIES
OF WESTERN NATIONS TOWARDS SPAIN.

4. WHILE HE PROMISED TO LOOK INTO REMARKS ON NPW'S,
PERINAT SAID THAT US HAS NO REASON FOR CONCERN SINCE
DE PINIES WAS REFERRING TO BRITISH SUBMARINES. DRAWING ON
NPW SAFETY DATA PROVIDED IN REFTEL, EMBOFF REPLIED THAT
DE PINIES' REPORTED REMARKS HAD NOT MADE THIS DISTINCTION
AND THAT THEIR EFFECT IN ANY EVENT WOULD BE TO CREATE
FURTHER UNJUSTIFIED CONCERN ABOUT SAFETY OF ALL NPWS
IN MIND OF SPANISH PUBLIC. SUBSEQUENTLY, PERINAT INFORMED
EMBOFF THAT IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, DE PINIES TOLD MFA
THAT HIS REMARKS HAD BEEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT.

5. APPROACH TO BENITO, WHO RECENTLY ASSUMED HIS PRESENT
ASSIGNMENT, WAS MADE DURING EMBOFF COURTESY CALL ON HIM.
BENITO LIKEWISE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT US REACTION WAS NOT
UNEXPECTED. HE RESPONDED THAT DE PINIES COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR
SUBMARINES WERE INTENDED APPLY TO BRITISH SHIPS AND THAT
STATEMENT OF DEPUTY PERMREP ELIAS STATEMENT AT UN MEETING
TODAY SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BRITISH SUBMARINES. IN COMPARING
GIBRALTAR WITH PANAMA AND GUANTANAMO SITUATIONS,
BENITO SAID, DE PINIES INTENDED TO NOTE THE COMMON
MILITARY BASE CHARACTER OF THE THREE AREAS. BENITO
ACCEPTED, HOWEVER, EMBOFF'S POINT THAT ASSOCIATING
GIBRALTAR WITH DIFFERENT CANAL ZONE AND PANAMA
SITUATIONS WAS OBJECTIONABLE TO U.S.
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